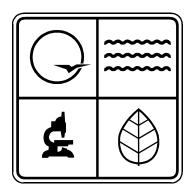
MISSOURI WATER QUALITY REPORT

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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

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BACKGROUND

By the 1960s, America's cities and industries had far outgrown their wastewater treatment capacities. Many rivers and smaller streams were badly polluted by sewage, garbage and industrial waste. For many, the most eloquent plea for environmental cleanup was Rachel Carson's book, <u>Silent Spring</u> that documented the serious environmental problems caused by unregulated use of pesticides. In 1972, public demand for a cleaner environment led to the passage of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly known as the Clean Water Act (CWA). In subsequent years, other federal laws designed to protect public drinking waters, to regulate solid waste, hazardous wastes and pesticides, and to clean up hazardous waste sites, were passed.

The Federal CWA had ambitious goals. It stated that all waters of the nation should be "fishable and swimmable." It also allowed states to designate other beneficial uses for their streams and lakes. Most importantly, the CWA required improved wastewater treatment. The Act provided federal funds to build the wastewater treatment plants needed to meet those requirements. Authority for enforcement of the Missouri Clean Water Law, and for state regulations concerning water pollution, resides with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection and Soil Conservation Division. Regulation of pesticides rests with the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

Waters of the state are protected through Missouri Water Quality Standards. These standards are in Missouri's Code of State Regulations (10 CSR 20-7.031) and are used by the department as a yardstick to judge water quality in Missouri. These standards identify beneficial uses of waters of the state, such as drinking water supply, recreation, aquatic life protection, agriculture, industry, and other uses. Water Quality Standards also establish limits on the amounts of various substances that are allowed in the state's waters. If waters of the state do not fully meet one or all of their designated uses according to Missouri's Water Quality Standards, these waters are considered to be impaired.

Streams, lakes, and rivers that have identified beneficial uses and have some water year round are classified and listed in Tables G and H of Missouri Water Quality Standards (10 CSR 20-7.031).

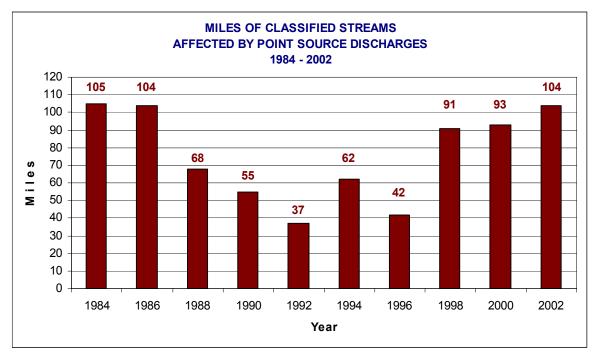
- □ Streams and Rivers are Class P or C
 - P = Streams that maintain permanent flow during drought conditions,
 - P1= Standing water reaches of class P streams, and
 - C = Streams that may cease flow in dry periods but maintain permanent pools which support aquatic life
- Lakes are Class L
 - L1= Lakes or Reservoirs used primarily for public drinking water supply,
 - L2 = Major Reservoirs, and
 - L3 = Other lakes which are waters of the state including both public and private lakes. For effluent regulation purposes, publicly owned L3 lakes are those for which a substantial portion of the surrounding lands are publicly owned or managed.
- Wetlands, Class W, are waters of the state that meet the criteria in the *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual*. Class W waters do not include wetlands that are artificially created on dry land and maintained for the treatment of mine drainage, storm water control, drainage associated with road construction, or industrial, municipal or agricultural waste.

A discharge that originates from a discrete, single source is considered to be a point source discharge. A more generalized discharge that cannot be attributed to one particular point is considered to be a nonpoint discharge. Discharges from wastewater treatment facilities and industrial discharges are considered point source discharges. The department requires discharges of wastewater (other than from single family residences) and many storm water discharges to obtain a discharge permit and comply with its terms. These permits cover point source discharges such as treated sewage from towns, subdivisions or businesses, and industrial wastewater discharges. The permits also cover large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) and runoff from mines, quarries, and chemical storage areas – nonpoint source discharges. The permits limit the amount of pollutants that can be discharged so that water quality standards set for lakes and streams are not exceeded.

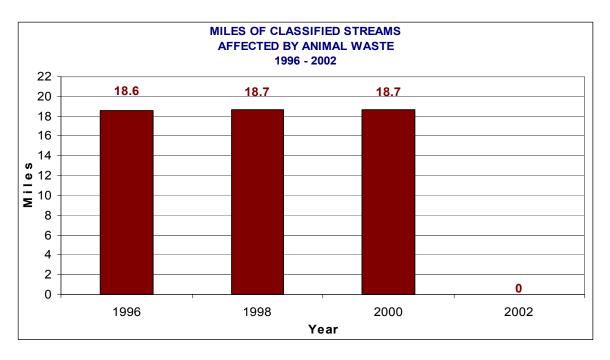


Point Sources

The number of miles of classified streams that are impaired by municipal and industrial point source wastewater discharges has generally held steady since 1984. That's when statewide data on stream quality first became available. In 1984, 105 miles of classified streams were judged to be impaired by domestic or industrial wastewaters. The lowest estimate of point source impaired stream miles was 37miles in 1992. The increasing number of impaired stream miles since 1996 is probably due primarily to expansion and improvement in the state's water quality monitoring activities. These changes have enabled the department to make more accurate estimates of water quality state-wide.



Missouri is now home to a substantial corporate hog and poultry production industry. Large CAFOs are regulated with permits issued by the department. Waste discharges to streams or other waters of the state are not allowed. Animal wastes from these facilities are typically spread on cropland, hayfields, or pasture land. Water pollution, as defined in Missouri's Water Quality Standards, has not been documented from normal operation of these large CAFOs. However, accidents have occurred at some facilities due to spills or equipment malfunctions.



Nonpoint Sources

Control of localized nonpoint source pollution such as storm water runoff from landfills, active mining sites and construction sites is regulated by state permits. These permits limit the levels of pollutants that can be discharged in storm water. A national effort is currently underway to develop storm water runoff management plans for cities. This process will include the permit issuance to cities within urban areas above a population of 1,000 and cities in rural areas above a population of 10,000. These permits will require management of storm water to the maximum extent practicable.



Control of wide-spread nonpoint sources, such as agricultural erosion from cropland and pasture as well as runoff of fertilizer, pesticides and animal waste, are addressed by Missouri's nonpoint source management program. This program works with federal, state and local governments, universities, private groups and individual landowners to implement projects that demonstrate nonpoint source control practices. These projects often monitor water quality results. Federal and state funds are used as incentives for landowners to use management practices that reduce nonpoint source pollution. These projects are all voluntary.

Significant improvements have been made on controlling certain types of nonpoint source water pollution. A federal tax on coal has funded reclamation of abandoned coal mine lands nationwide. Fourteen years of such reclamation in Missouri has reduced the number of stream miles that are impaired by mine runoff from about 100 down to 15. A state sales tax started providing funds for soil erosion control programs in 1985. Based on findings of periodic National Resource Inventory, this program (coupled with federal soil conservation programs) has resulted in significant reductions in soil erosion in Missouri.

MONITORING

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources monitors water quality to:



- characterize background or reference water quality conditions
- better understand daily, flow-event, and seasonal water quality variations and their underlying processes
- characterize aquatic biological communities and habitats and to distinguish between the impacts of water chemistry and habitat quality
- assess time trends in water quality
- characterize the impact of local and regional point and nonpoint source discharges on water quality
- check for compliance with water quality standards or wastewater permit limits and monitor the effectiveness of pollution control activities
- support development of strategies to return impaired waters to compliance with water quality standards

To maximize efficiency, the department routinely coordinates its monitoring activities to avoid overlap with other agencies and provide and receive interagency input on monitoring study design. Data from other sources is used for meeting the same objectives as department-sponsored monitoring. The agencies most often involved are the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), the USDA/Agricultural Research Service (ARS), and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DOHSS). However, the department also tracks monitoring efforts of the U.S. Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, several of the state's larger cities, and the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa and Illinois. Graduate-level research conducted at universities within Missouri is also used on occasion. In addition, the department uses monitoring data acquired by wastewater dischargers as a condition of their state discharge permits. The department began using data collected by volunteers that have passed Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) tests in 1995.

The department's present water quality monitoring program in support of the CWA includes:

- ☐ Fixed station water quality monitoring at
 - 63 stream sites monitored 6 to 12 times per year cooperatively with the USGS
 - •24 stream sites monitored quarterly by the department
 - 33 public drinking water reservoirs monitored quarterly by the department
 - eight sites monitored 18 times per year cooperatively with Crowder College
- Approximately 10 sites monitored annually for contaminants (pesticides, PCBs, metals) in fish and 15 sites monitored annually for sediment contamination (metals, toxic organic compounds)
- 10 to 15 special water quality studies annually, either conducted by the department or contracted with others, that concentrate on a specific stream or lake and one or more specific pollutants
- ☐ Biological monitoring of aquatic invertebrates in approximately 55 to 60 stream sites annually
- Routine monitoring of wastewater treatment plant discharges to check for compliance with NPDES permit limits
- ☐ Monitoring done in conjunction with complaint investigations, spills, or investigation of other water pollution events
- Annually, approximately 60 Missouri lakes are monitored four times during the summer by the University of Missouri under a cooperative program with the department
- The University of Missouri with CWA funding through the department administers the Lakes of Missouri Volunteer Monitoring Program. During 2001, 100 volunteers monitored a total of 55 sites on 22 lakes.

The department also regularly monitors the quality of public drinking water supplies as a requirement of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Any monitoring data collected by the department is available to the public. Requests for water quality information or requests to view water quality data files should be sent to:

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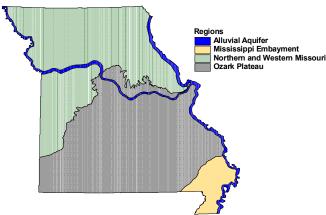
WATER QUALITY BY REGION

Missouri has an area of 69,000 square miles and a population of 5.50 million people. Most of the population is concentrated on opposite sides of the state in the Kansas City and St. Louis metro areas. Rural Missouri is dominated by agricultural land with the more undisturbed areas being in the south central area of the state. Surface and groundwater in Missouri vary widely in quantity and quality, corresponding closely with geology and land use.

The Mississippi Embayment

Missouri's southeastern corner is a large plain of the Mississippi River composed mainly of alluvium (a deposit of rocks, sand, and mud formed from flowing water). Originally a vast





system of wetlands, it has been drained and almost entirely converted to crop production. Almost all surface waters in the area are drainage ditches and are rated as only partially attaining beneficial uses. This is because of

degradation of aquatic habitat due to channelization. Channelization creates a homogenous, low-quality aquatic habitat. Sloughing of a channel bank fills the stream channel bottom, buries coarse material, fills voids, and leaves unstable substrate – leaving beneficial aquatic organisms with little or no habitat.

Groundwater is abundant due to the swift rate of percolation of water through these flat fields. Public water supplies that tap deeper aquifers provide good quality water. Shallow private wells commonly have nitrates and low levels of pesticides. The frequency of exceedence of drinking water standards for nitrates and pesticides in private wells is similar to northern Missouri, about 30 percent and two percent, respectively.

Northern and Western Missouri

Northern and Western Missouri, originally prairie land, is now used primarily for crop and livestock production. This area is underlain by bedrock containing several relatively water-resistant shale and clay layers. Streams and lakes experience reduced clarity relative to other areas of Missouri and are greatly affected by high rates of sediment deposition. Due to the fine, unstable materials in the deposits caused by soil erosion (much the same as the Mississippi Embayment) the result is poor aquatic habitat. About 7,300 miles of classified streams suffer impairment due to these conditions. In more than half these miles, streams are further impaired by either periodic water loss or channelization.

Rivers and reservoirs used as drinking water supplies often contain herbicides. Drinking water standards for atrazine or health advisory levels for cyanazine are exceeded in some public water supplies served by reservoirs. Several other herbicides are occasionally found in drinking water reservoirs but at concentrations below health advisory levels.

The quality of groundwater in northern and western Missouri is also influenced by the geology of the area. The public water supply sources include reservoirs and wells. The wells obtain water from glacial deposits primarily in portions of north-central and western Missouri. Much of western Missouri, south of Kansas City, obtains water from limestone aquifers (layers of rock, sand, or gravel that contain and conduct water). However, in the extreme western limits of Missouri near the state border with Kansas, surface waters are used for drinking water supply. Private water supplies are obtained from glacial deposits and from underlying limestone bedrock in portions of northwestern, central, eastern and northeastern Missouri. However, deep bedrock wells in many north-central and northwestern Missouri locations tap water supplies that contain too many minerals for drinking water purposes.

Approximately one-third of private wells in this portion of Missouri exceed the drinking water standard for nitrate, and about two percent exceed drinking water standards for pesticides. This contamination is often caused by localized surface contamination of the wellhead and does not represent widespread contamination of the underground aquifer. Deeper aquifers are well protected from surface contamination by means of the water-resistant layers of clay and shale found below the surface.

The Ozark Plateau

The Ozark Plateau, including the Springfield Plateau, is predominantly hilly topography. There are some very rugged portions as well as significant areas of gentle to almost flat landscape. The bedrock, consisting of limestone, dolomite and sandstone, yields groundwater of excellent quality and adequate in supply for most urban, industrial and other needs. The soils and subsoils in this area have developed from weathering of the bedrock and are generally 20 to 80 feet in thickness.

Some areas have extremely thin soils. Other locations where weathering has been extensive have a soil thickness of 100 feet and more. Water can pass through the soil relatively easily, and this contributes to the recharge of groundwater supplies. Ozark streams are generally clear, and the flows of many streams are well sustained by many seeps and springs. Some streams and reservoirs in the Ozarks are becoming nutrient enriched (with nitrogen and phosphorus) due to increasing human population and domestic animal production in some watersheds. Nutrient enrichment can lead to problematic levels of unsightly algae.

Groundwater contamination risks are moderate to high because water moves from the surface to the ground rather easily. Any number of surface activities, including agricultural and suburban-urban storm water runoff and wastewater disposal, mining, unsuitable lawn care practices, improper well construction and individual waste disposal practices all pose threats to surface water and groundwater quality. However, overall water

quality remains good in large part due to the efforts by citizens, municipalities, and industries to protect the aquifers.

Most municipalities in the southern half of the state rely on groundwater as a supply for drinking water. The number of private drinking water wells is believed to be between 100,000 and 250,000, with a greater number of these wells being south of the Missouri River. The dominant ground water concern is the often rapid and unfiltered transmission of contaminated surface runoff (or leachate) through fractures or sinkholes directly into aquifers. Contaminated water can come from septic tanks, underground storage tanks, landfills, dumps, liquid waste storage ponds, and animal production and processing waste. Properly cased wells into deep aquifers rarely encounter water quality problems, but shallow or improperly cased wells are at risk.

In the Joplin area, the shallow bedrock aquifer has elevated levels of sulfate and several heavy metals due to the absorption of minerals by groundwater in flooded mines. Some private wells in this area exceed drinking water standards for lead or cadmium. Localized contamination of shallow private wells due to leaks, spills, and improper disposal of industrial or commercial chemicals occur in the larger metro areas of Springfield and Joplin.

Alluvial Aquifers

In northern Missouri, where surface and deep aquifer supplies are unreliable, many towns depend on the alluvial aquifer of a large nearby stream. Landfills and industrial land use in Kansas City and St. Louis have historically been located on river floodplains and have caused local contamination of the Mississippi, Missouri and Meramec River aquifers. Therefore, some municipal water supplies have been affected.

WATER QUALITY IN DETAIL

The tables below show how well Missouri is meeting Clean Water Act goals. At present, approximately half of the state's classified streams are meeting CWA goals. About three percent of Missouri's streams have water pollution serious enough to eliminate one or more beneficial uses. About two-thirds of all classified lake acres meet CWA goals, but 16 percent have water pollution problems serious enough to eliminate one or more beneficial uses.

STATUS	STREAM MILES	%	LAKE ACRES	%
Full Support	10,454.5	47	107,805	37
Full but Threatened	252.8	1	94,863	32
Partial Support	10,657.3	48	43,771	15
Not Supported	626.4	3	46,810	16
Not Assessed	203.2	1	70	0

TABLE 1. BENEFICIAL USE SUPPORT STATUS OF MISSOURI CLASSIFIED WATERS

Note: approximately 22 percent of assessed stream miles and 86 percent of assessed lake acres have water quality monitoring. The remaining assessed stream miles and lake acres are evaluations based on water quality monitoring in similar watersheds.

- Full Support: Water quality meets the needs of all beneficial uses that Missouri's Water Quality Standards recognize for a particular waterbody such as the following:
 - Protection of fish and other aquatic life (the water quality does not interfere with the ability of aquatic life to live, feed, and reproduce)
 - Livestock and wildlife watering (the water will not cause disease or injury to livestock and wildlife using the water for drinking)
 - Drinking water supply (the water meets all state and federal standards as a drinking water supply source)
 - Swimming (the water will not cause disease or injury to swimmers or others who may accidentally swallow small amounts of water)
 - Irrigation (the water will not cause disease or injury to crops)
 - Industrial water supply (the water will not cause excessive problems in industrial piping and boilers)

- Fish consumption (fish are safe to eat)
- Boating and canoeing
- Threatened: Water quality is presently adequate to maintain all recognized uses, but only partial support may exist in the future if harmful trends continue.
- Partial Support: Water quality has been impaired to the point that at least one of the recognized uses is affected.
- Not Supported: Water quality is seriously affected to the point that at least one recognized use of the waterbody has been lost.
- Not Assessed: Streams in some urban and rural watersheds are believed to be significantly different in land
 use from monitored streams in their region so that their quality cannot be accurately inferred from monitored
 streams.

As Table 2 shows, Protection of Aquatic Life or "fishability" in streams is, by far, the beneficial use with the poorest level of support of CWA goals (about 50 percent). Fish consumption by humans is a beneficial use that is being met in about 95 percent of the state's waters. Lakes, conversely, have little problem meeting aquatic life use but do not meet other beneficial uses in a significant percent of lake acres designated for those uses. Fish consumption fully meets CWA goals in 74 percent of designated waters, swimming in 84 percent, and drinking water supply in 89 percent of designated waters.

TABLE 2. INDIVIDUAL USE SUPPORT SUMMARY FOR CLASSIFIED STREAMS

BENEFICIAL USE	SIZE ASSESSED	FULL SUPPORT	PARTIAL SUPPORT	NON- SUPPORT	NOT ASSESSED	USE NOT APPLICABLE
STREAMS (MILES)						
AQUATIC LIFE	21,996.0	11,519.2	10,251.4	225.4	198.2	0
FISH CONSUMPTION	21,878.9	20,771.7	847.2	260	315.3	0
SWIMMING	5,473.3	5,420.3	4.3	48.7	0	16,720.9
DRINKING WATER	3,234.7	3,024.2	0	210.5	0	18,959.5
LAKES (ACRES)						
AQUATIC LIFE	293,249	291,469	50	1730	70	0
FISH CONSUMPTION	293,138	215,388	33,355	44,395	181	0
SWIMMING	261,847	218,565	0	43,282	0	31,472
DRINKING WATER	99,871	87,890	11,478	503	0	193,448

Because it is the most common land use in Missouri, agriculture is the most common identified source of water pollution problems. It affects about 35 percent of the state's streams. Soil erosion results in excessive sediment deposition. Channelization and other drainage practices can change how streams flow and adversely influence the magnitude and duration of both high and low stream flows. Degradation or destruction of the streamside woodlands and vegetation are also detrimental. All these impacts can adversely affect the survival of fish and other aquatic life in streams.

Municipal and industrial point source discharges affect only about 100 miles. That's less than one percent of Missouri's streams. In Missouri's lakes, point source discharges, atmospheric deposition (of mercury), and agriculture are major pollution sources.

TABLE 3. MAJOR WATER POLLUTION SOURCES IN MISSOURI CLASSIFIED WATERS (Stream Miles or Lake Acres Impaired)

Source	Stream Miles Impaired	Percent of Total Miles	Lake Acres Impaired	Percent of Total Acres
Agriculture	7,701.9	35	45,138	15
Crop Production/Grazing	7,688.4	35	45,138	15
Confined Animal Feeding	0	*		
Operations				
Hydromodification	3,775.9	17	11,780	4
- Channelization	3,711.4	17		
- Flow Regulation / Modification	43.5	*	11,780	4
- Streambank Modification / Destabilization	21	*		
Mining	172.3	1		
Municipal and other Domestic Point	87.1		43110	15
Sources		*		
Urban Runoff and	53.5		825	
Construction		*		*
Industrial Point Sources	11.6	*		
Landfills	0.3	*		
Recreational Activities	7	*		
Atmospheric Deposition	1,114	5	76,805	26
Natural Sources	162.5	1		
Unknown	5	*	182	*

^{*} less than 1 %

As Table 4 shows, aquatic habitat degradation, mercury and nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) are the major pollutants or conditions affecting the state's waters.

TABLE 4. MAJOR CONTAMINANTS IN MISSOURI CLASSIFIED WATERS

Contaminant	Stream Miles Impaired	% of Total Miles	Lake Acres Impaired	% of Total Acres
Sedimentation / Habitat Degradation	7,741.4	35		
Organic Enrichment / Low Dissolved Oxygen	59.5	*	1780	1
Metals - Mercury	1,444.0 1,111.0	6 5	86,805 76,805	30 26
Bacteria	48.5	*	137	*
Ammonia	18.3	*		
Pesticides	24	*	1,385	*
Suspended Solids	8.8	*		

Nutrients (Nitrogen, Phosphorus)	7.4	*	44,578	15
Contaminant	Stream Miles Impaired	% of Total Miles	Lake Acres Impaired	% of Total Acres
Total Dissolved Solids: Sulfate, Chloride	39	*		
Flow Alterations			50	*
Chlorine	0.4	*		
рН	13.3	*		
Thermal Modification	1.4	*		
Unknown	21.7	*		

^{*} less than one percent

NOTE: Many stream miles in Missouri are affected by more than one pollution source or pollutant; therefore, total miles/acres in Tables 2 and 3 can exceed miles/acres in Table 1.

MISSOURI'S LAKES

Missouri's Water Quality Standards' definition of "significant" lakes corresponds to the department's list of classified lakes. It includes any lake that falls into one of the following three categories: (1) small public drinking water reservoirs; (2) large multi-purpose reservoirs; and (3) reservoirs or lakes with important recreational values. It should be noted that Missouri has only a few naturally occurring lakes, these being primarily depressions or old oxbows on the Missouri or Mississippi river floodplain. Most significant "lakes" in the state are man-made reservoirs.

Trophic Status

Eutrophication is a natural process involving the gradual filling of a lake over time and is accompanied by increasing aquatic plant growth. It also includes the enrichment of lakes and reservoirs by additions of nitrogen and phosphorus from human activity. This additional nutrient load causes increased aquatic plant growth, predominantly algae, which causes lake water to become greener and more turbid. The trophic status of lakes typically refers to the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus entering the lake or the amount of algae or other aquatic plants present in the lake. Oligotrophic lakes are clear with few nutrients and very little aquatic plant growth. Mesotrophic, eutrophic and hypereutrophic refer respectively to lakes with increasing levels of nutrients and aquatic plant growth. Trophic state is an important way to characterize lakes because it relates directly to such factors as lake clarity, better in oligotrophic and mesotrophic lakes, and fish production, better in eutrophic lakes.

Trophic status correlates strongly with geology and land use. In agricultural northern and western Missouri, most lakes of known trophic state are eutrophic, while in the Ozarks and Ozark border regions, trophic state is equally divided between eutrophic and either mesotrophic or oligotrophic lakes. All known hypereutrophic lakes are in glaciated northern Missouri, while all oligotrophic lakes are in unglaciated, highly weathered Ozark terrain.

The method presently used by the state to determine trophic status was derived from the work by Wetzel, R.G., 1975; "Limnology," Table 14-11; and from Vollenweider, R.A. and J.J. Kerekes, 1980. EPA440/5-81-010; "Restoration of Lakes and Inland Waters." The criteria are shown in Table 8.

TABLE 8. DEFINITION OF TROPHIC CLASSIFICATION

Trophic Class	Chlorophyll-A*	Total Phosphorus
	Ug/l	Ug/l
Oligotrophic	<3	<10
Mesotrophic	3-10	10-30
Eutrophic	11-56	31-100
Hypereutrophic	>56	>100

Chlorophyll-A is an indicator (or measure) of the amount of algae in the water. High levels of chlorophyll-A correspond to high levels of algae, and vice versa. Secchi refers to a Secchi disk, a tool used to determine water clarity. The Secchi disk is a round plate with a distinguishable pattern of black and white. The disk is lowered until it is no longer visible then it is raised until it again becomes visible. The depth of Secchi disk visibility is recorded – the deeper the Secchi reading, the clearer the water.



The results of lake studies conducted by the University of Missouri between 1989 and 2000 on trophic status of Missouri lakes are given in Table 9.

TABLE 9. TROPHIC STATUS OF SELECTED MISSOURI RESERVOIRS

<u>LAKE</u>	COUNTY	LOCATION	SECCHI ¹	TP ²	<u>Ch1-a</u> ³	TROPHIC STATE	; ⁴ <u>TN</u> ⁵
Glacial Plains							
*Allaman Lake Baring C-Club Lake Bean Lake Bethany Lake Big Lake	Clinton Knox Platte Harrison Holt	24, 56N, 30W 26, 63N, 12W 12-14,54N,37W 27, 64N, 28W 18-19,61N,39W	1.2	42 28 264 35 328	16 21 144 11 166	E E HE E HE	683 959 1,658 730 2,508
Bilby Ranch Lake Bowling Green Lake Brookfield Lake Crystal Lake D.C. Rogers Lake	Pike Linn Howard	29, 53N, 2W 33, 58N, 19W 3, 50N, 16W	1.1 1.7 1.1 0.6 1.3	54 27 25 82 31	51 10 9 34 7	E M M E M	936 542 649 918 533
Daniel Boone Lake Dean Lake Deer Ridge Lake Edina Reservoir Ella Ewing Lake	Shelby Lewis Knox Lewis	18, 62N, 8W 12, 62N, 12W 21, 64N 10W	0.2 0.1 0.9 0.7 0.6	187 382 49 71 87	38 5 16 20 28	HE HE E E	1424 2,110 781 1,228 1,410
Elmwood Lake Fayette Lake #2 Forest Lake Fox Valley Lake Green City Lake	Sullivan Howard Adair Sullivan	4, 50N, 16W 14, 62N, 16W NE16,63N,18W	0.8 0.9 1.4 2.6 0.6	50 52 25 18 91	19 24 5 10 36	E E M M E	752 906 423 611 1,107
Hamilton Lake	Caldwell	15, 57N, 28W	8.0	66	14	Е	1,002

<u>LAKE</u>	COUNTY	LOCATION	SECCHI ¹	<u>TP²</u>	<u>Ch1-a</u> ³	TROPHIC STATE	C ⁴ <u>TN</u> ⁵
Harrison County Lake Hazel Creek Lake Henry Sever Lake Hunnewell Lake	Harrison Adair Knox Shelby	31, 64N, 15W 14, 60N, 10W 25, 57N, 9W	1.0 1.5 0.9 0.9	44 29 51 50	31 8 22 23	E M E E	896 630 1049 830
King Lake Kings Lake La Belle #2 Lake Lake Contrary Lake Mahoney	Gentry Lincoln Lewis Buchanan Putnam	SW34,61N,32V 25,50N,2E 26, 57N, 36W 27, 66N, 19W	V0.2 0.3 0.9 0.3 0.6	252 278 59 365 105	12 E 80 29 194 43	1,690 HE E HE E	1,573 1,235 3,060 1,253
Lake Marie Lake Paho Lake Viking Lancaster New Lake Little Dixie Lake	Mercer Mercer Daviess Schuyler Callaway	36, 66N, 24W 25, 65N, 25W 9, 59N, 28W 26, 48N, 11W	2.7 0.8 1.3 0.6 0.6	15 48 28 77 73	4 14 10 37 17	M E M E E	445 848 542 876 786
Long Branch Lake Macon Lake Marceline Res. Mark Twain Res. (Lower) Mark Twain Res. (Upper)		18, 57N, 14W 17, 57N, 14W 28, 57N, 18W 26, 55N, 7W	0.7 0.8 0.7 1.1	52 55 107 73 101	18 29 45 18 16	E E E E	863 902 1,092 1,334 1,220
Maysville Lake (NW) Memphis #1 Lake Memphis #2 Lake Memphis #3 Lake Milan Lake (New)	Dekalb Scotland Scotland Scotland Sullivan	33, 59N, 31W 15, 65N, 12W 35, 63N, 20W	0.6 0.3 0.7 0.9 1.0	202 125 71 78 43	50 108 47 39 14	HE HE E E	1,322 1,914 1,221 990 689
Monroe City Lake B Mozingo Lake Nehai Tonkayea Lake Nodaway Lake Pony Express Lake	Monroe Nodaway Chariton Dekalb	30, 56N, 7W 11, 55N, 18W 33, 58N, 31W	0.5 1.7 1.6 0.9 0.8	81 26 19 40 69	30 16 3 22 32	E E M E	1,109 777 431 1,111 1,052
Prairie Slough (Oxbow) Rocky Fork Lake Shelbina Lake Smithville Lake Spring Lake	Boone Shelby Clay Adair	31, 50N, 12W 20, 57N, 10W 13, 53N, 33W SW20,61N,16W	0.2 1.9 0.6 1.1 1.2	231 23 100 34 35	72 7 37 17 9	HE M E E M	2,495 546 1,081 811 533
Sterling Price Lake Sugar Creek Lake (MOB) Sugar Lake Swan Pond Thomas Hill Res.	Chariton Randolph Buchanan Randolph	17,53N,17W 16, 54N, 14W 27 55N, 37W 24, 55N, 16W	0.6 0.8 0.2 0.3 0.7	108 56 333 345 49	83 26 173 126 16	HE E HE HE E	1,545 765 2,524 1,658 795
Thunderhead Lake *Tri-City Comm Lake Vandalia Lake Wakonda Lake Watkins Mill Lake	Putnam Boone Pike Lewis Clay	15, 66N, 19W 24, 51N, 12W 12, 53N, 5W NE13, 60N, 6W 22, 53N, 30W	0.8 0.7 1.1 0.8 0.9	51 58 67 95 42	14 20 35 51 17	E E E E	971 876 926 1,186 614
Waukomis Lake Weatherby Lake Williams Lake (Rcky Holl)	Platte Clay	17, 51N, 33W 33, 53N, 30W	1.7 2.0 1.4	25 20 55	14 5 21	E M E	592 403 784

<u>LAKE</u>	COUNTY	LOCATION	SECCHI ¹	TP ²	Ch1-a ³	TROPHIC ⁴ STATE	<u>TN</u> ⁵
Osage Plains							
Amarugia Highlands Lake Atkinson Lake Blind Pony Lake Blue Springs Lake Bushwacker Lake Cat Claw Lake	Cass St. Clair Saline Jackson Vernon Jackson	10,43N,32W 6, 37N, 28W SE18,49N,22W 3, 48N, 31W 27,34N,32W 14,47N,31W	0.7 0.5 0.7 1.0 1.6 0.2	64 78 83 36 28 126	12 36 48 16 16	E E E E	731 983 1,260 553 605 862
Concordia Lake Coot Lake Cottontail Lake Four Rivers CA Gopher Lake Harmony Mission Lake	Lafayette Jackson Jackson Bates Jackson Bates	20, 48N, 24W 22.47N,31W 14,47N,31W ,T38N,R30W 23,47N,31W 15,38N32W	0.6 0.6 0.2 1.0 0.4 1.3	84 50 140 34 94 50	27 E 10 15 7 17 23	1,110 E E M E E	856 946 460 776 844
Harrisonville Lake Hazel Hill Lake Higginsville Lake Holden City Lake H.S. Truman Lake	Cass Lafayette Johnson Benton	26, 46N, 31W 9, 49N, 25W 7,45N,27W 7, 40N, 23W	0.9 0.8 0.7 0.7 1.1	50 54 101 56 44	16 30 21 16 18	E E E E	946 986 1,251 1,094 922
Jackrabbit Lake Lake Jacomo Lake Tapawingo Lamar Lake Longview Lake	Jackson Jackson Jackson Barton Jackson	15,47N,31W 11, 48N, 31W 34, 49N, 31W 32, 32N, 30W 20, 47N, 32W	0.2 1.3 1.2 0.8 0.8	168 34 34 78 38	14 19 32 42 12	E E E E	783 573 842 945 757
Lotawana Lake Maple Leaf Lake Montrose Lake Nell Lake North Lake	Jackson Lafayette Henry Jackson Cass	29, 48N, 30W 04,48N,26W 33, 41N, 27W 15,47N,31W 28, 45N, 31W	1.4 1.1 0.2 0.6 0.7	31 45 189 68 94	16 24 63 12 40	E E HE E	672 929 1,292 834 1,002
Prairie Lee Lake Raintree Lake Spring Fork Lake *Tebo Lake Winnebago Lake	Jackson Cass Pettis Pettis Cass	27, 48N, 31W 6, 46N, 31W 21, 44N, 21W 12, 44N, 22W 9, 46N, 31W	0.8 0.6 0.6 2.8 0.9	55 60 142 18 51	25 17 43 4 18	E E M E	915 1,008 1,118 609 838
Ozark Border							
Binder Lake Creve Couer Lake Glover Spring Lake Indian Hills Lake Kraut Run Lake	Cole St Louis Callaway Crawford St. Charles	36, 45N, 13W 20, 46N, 5E 13, 47N, 9W 23, 39N, w 23, 46N, 2E	1.1 0.3 1.2 1.0 0.5	56 154 67 36 100	22 57 22 16 58	E HE E E HE	762 1,053 863 626 1,114
Lake of the Ozarks (Low) Lake of the Ozarks (Mid) Lake Northwoods Lake St. Louis Lake Ste. Louise	Miller Camden Gasconade St. Charles St. Charles	19, 40N, 15W 33, 43N, w SW26,47N,2E	1.8 1.0 0.5 1.1	30 44 26 86 31	15 16 5 29 6	E M E M	625 618 472 1,171 513
Lake Tishomingo Lake Wauwanoka Lincoln Lake Little Prairie Lake Manito Lake	Jefferson Jefferson Lincoln Phelps Moniteau	5, 41N, 4E 1, 40N, 4E 8, 49N, 1E 21, 38N, 7W	2.0 2.8 2.1 0.9 0.9	22 14 19 31 59	6 3 6 9 12	M M M M E	495 613 468 522 936

LAKE	COUNTY	LOCATION	SECCHI ¹	TP ²	Ch1-a ³	TROPHIC ⁴ STATE	<u>TN</u> 5
Pinnacle Lake Pleasant Valley Pomme de Terre Lake Stockton Lake	Montgomery Gasconade Hickory Cedar	24, 47N w 25, 42N, 6W 2, 36N, 22W 15, 34N, 26W	2.6 1.4 1.7 2.8	24 38 30 14	5 30 16 6	M E E M	463 868 581 441
Ozark Highlands							
Austin Lake *Bella Vista Lake Bismarck Lake *Boutin Lake Bull Shoals Lake	Texas Cape Girardeau Cape Girardeau Taney		1.7 1.4 1.7 1.5 2.0	21 23 23 23 19	7 12 9 8 8	M M M M	503 552 373 558 355
Clearwater Lake Council Bluff Lake Crane Lake Fellows Lake Fourche Lake	Reynolds Iron Iron Greene Ripley	6, 28N, 3E 23, 35N, 1E 33,32N,4E 22, 30N, 21W 22, 23N, 1W	1.9 3.2 1.1 2.6 3.5	15 8 16 15	5 2 4 5 3	M O M M	233 247 260 378 246
Fredericktown City Lake Goose Creek Lake *Lake Capri *Lake Carmel Lake Forest (Lake Ann)	Madison St. Francois St. Francois St. Francois St. Genevieve	6, 33N, 7E 26, 38N, 6E 30, 37N, 4E 18, 37N, 4E 36, 38N, 7E	0.7 2.1 4.4 2.8 1.3	65 15 7 10 43	33 5 2 3 22	E M O O E	752 389 295 321 649
Lake Girardeau Lake Killarney *Lake Marseilles *Lake Pinewoods Lake Springfield	Cape Girardeau Iron St. Francois Carter Greene	u 9, 30N, 11E 1, 33N, 4E 29, 37N, 4E 7,26N,3E 20, 61N, 16W	0.7 0.8 3.7 1.3 1.0	73 68 11 45 60	50 32 2 26 19	E O E	1,011 655 351 858 1,016
Lake Taneycomo Lake Turner (Ziske) Lake Wapapello Loggers Lake Lower Taum Sauk	Taney Dent Wayne Dent Reynolds	8, 23N, 20W 17, 34N, 07W 3, 26N, 3E 10, 31N, 3W 33, 33N, 2E	3.5 1.0 3.1 2.1	23 20 37 10 13	3 18 24 4 4	M E E M M	803 503 237 201
*Macs Lake McDaniel Lake *Miller Lake Monsanto Lake Noblett Lake	Dent Greene Carter St. Francois Douglas	26, 30N, 22W 1, 27N, 1E 20, 36N, 5E 25, 26N, 11W	1.4 1.4 1.5 2.3 2.6	25 34 19 10 18	23 19 6 2 5	E E M O M	622 493 469 372 255
Norfork Lake Perry Co. Lake Pomona Lake Ripley Co. Lake Roby Lake	Ozark Perry Howell Ripley Texas	21N, 12W 22, 35N, 10E 26, 26N, 9W 10, 23N, 1E 3, 32N, 11W	1.7 0.7 1.5 2.1	23 71 50 32 18	6 44 10 26 5	M E E M	631 1,080 605 787 431
*Shane Lake *Shawnee Lake Sims Valley Lake Sunnen Lake Table Rock Lake	Dent Dent Texas Washington Stone	17, 27N, 8W 4, 37N, 1E 22, 22N, 22W	2.9 1.6 1.1 2.6 3.1	7 30 27 13 12	1 25 13 4 6	O E M M M	296 610 504 288 398
Timberline Lake Wanda Lee Lake	St. Francois St. Genevieve	23, 38N, 04E 2, 37N, 76	4.0 1.3	10 56	2 26	O E	306 577

<u>LAKE</u>	COUNTY	LOCATION	SECCHI ¹	<u>TP²</u>	<u>Ch1-a</u> ³	TROPHIC ⁴ STATE	<u>TN</u> ⁵
Southeastern Lowland	ds						
Tywappity Lake	Scott	8, 29N, 13E	0.8	50	36	Е	1,005

STATUS OF WETLANDS

Originally, about 4.8 million acres (10.7 percent of the land surface of the state) in Missouri were wetlands. By 1980, this figure had been reduced to about 643,000 acres. Several state and federal programs have recognized the need to preserve and enhance our remaining wetlands. Between 1989 and 2002 the Missouri Department of Conservation purchased 40,537 acres of wetlands and developed or restored 19,135 acres of wetlands.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has begun acquiring land from willing sellers in the Missouri River floodplain for a new national wildlife refuge called Big Muddy. The project authorizes the purchase of up to 16,000 acres in seven locations. As of January 2002, the refuge consisted of 6,845 acres of land in six units. The Big Muddy Refuge also administers another 1,300-acre tract of land in the Missouri floodplain, Overton Bottoms, owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Almost all of this acreage is in the Missouri River floodplain. The lands will be allowed to interact naturally with the river and act as seasonal wetlands.

The Natural Resource Conservation Service Wetlands Reserve Program, which began in 1992, purchases easements of wetlands and provides funds for restoration. It also enters into cost-share agreements with landowners whose property meets specific criteria. As of October 2002, there were 615 sites with perpetual and 30-year easements. They encompass 89,877 acres, and an additional 27 sites covering 1,328 acres on cost share agreements, over a 10year period. Presently, there are an additional 17,415 acres waiting to be accepted into the Wetland Reserve Program. However, lack of adequate federal funding prevents full implementation and utilization of this Program.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CHALLENGES

Not all types of water pollution problems in Missouri are being fully addressed:

Loss or degradation of aquatic habitat is the most serious water quality problem in Missouri. It affects almost half the stream miles in the state. Habitat loss is the result of a number of factors. Soil erosion leads to instream sediment deposition. Loss of streamside vegetation increases bank sloughing and erosion. Channelization makes streams straighter, and it typically makes them wider and shallower as well. Changes in normal stream flow patterns are also a form of habitat degradation. Increasing drainage of agricultural lands, loss of wetlands, and increasing amounts of impervious surfaces (paved roads, parking lots, roof tops, etc.) contribute to shorter and more extreme flood flows and more prolonged low flow periods in dry weather.



Large channelization projects affecting many miles of streams are no longer occurring. However, many short projects still occur and continue to reduce the number of miles of natural stream channels statewide. Streams that were channelized many years ago still provide poor aquatic habitat. These streams also contribute to flooding, high water velocities, and stream bank erosion.

¹Secchi Disk depth (Meters) ²Total Phosphorus (Micrograms/Liter) ³Chlorophyll A (MG/Cubic Meter)

Trophic State: O = Oligotrophic, M = Mesotrophic, E = Eutrophic, HE = Hypereutrophic

⁵Total Nitrogen (Micrograms/Liter)

^{*}Unclassified Lake

- Eutrophication of large, recreationally important reservoirs appears to be increasing. Eutrophication is the premature aging of a lake caused by high nutrient levels and increased growth of algae. Heavy residential development around Lake of the Ozarks and Table Rock Lake threatens water quality in many small coves and shoreline areas. Water clarity in the main portion of Table Rock Lake, which was historically very clear, is apparently declining. The large size of these lakes and rugged local topography make centralized collection and treatment systems for wastewater difficult. Increasing CAFOs in the watersheds of these lakes is aggravating nutrient problems from wastewater treatment plants and septic tanks. Concerns about eutrophication in Table Rock Lake and the James River have resulted in specific effluent limitations for point source discharges of phosphorus in the James River basin. This new regulation requires large wastewater discharges to meet strict new phosphorus limits of 0.5 mg/l by 2003. Smaller wastewater discharges must meet 1.0 mg/l phosphorus limits by 2003 and 0.5 mg/l limits by 2007.
- Mercury levels in fish in Missouri appear to be increasing over time. Mercury affects the human central nervous system. It is considered a neurological and developmental toxin and a possible carcinogen (cancer causing agent). Mercury can accumulate to unsafe levels in commercially and recreationally important fish. Many chemical contaminants accumulate in bottom-feeding fish. However, unlike many of these other contaminants, mercury is magnified through the food chain. Therefore, predatory fish (bass, walleye, pike, and some species of catfish) have much higher levels of mercury. Of the mercury that accumulates in predatory fish, 90 to 100 percent is in the methyl mercury form, a form that is very soluble and assimilates easily into flesh. Preparing fish by skinning and trimming does not reduce the amount of mercury because it accumulates in fish muscle tissue (fillets). Cooking or drying fish can concentrate mercury levels to even higher levels. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DOHSS) now considers mercury levels of 0.3 mg/kg or greater in fish a potential health risk. This has led the DOHSS to issue an advisory against consumption of Largemouth Bass greater than 15 inches in length for children under 13, pregnant women and women who may become pregnant. The advisory pertains to all waters in Missouri.
- Abandoned lead-zinc mines and their waste piles continue to impact waters decades after mining has ceased.
 The Superfund Section of Missouri's Hazardous Waste Program is addressing some of these concerns, but
 long-term impacts are expected to remain. Although new lead-zinc mining would be managed under state
 permits, areas of the state that are very sensitive to disruption are being investigated for mining potential.
- Additional groundwater protection measures are needed. Missouri now has programs that register and inspect
 underground storage tanks and oversee the cleanup of leaking underground tank sites. Missouri also has
 programs for wellhead protection, sealing of abandoned wells, and closing of hazardous waste sites. A
 complete groundwater protection program would also include a groundwater monitoring network and
 educational programs for those involved in the application of farm chemicals, transporters of hazardous
 materials, and the general public.
- There are many large concentrated animal feeding operations located in Missouri. These facilities generate
 large amounts of animal manure and have the potential to cause serious water pollution problems. Missouri
 Department of Natural Resources staff is also concerned about cumulative impacts of numerous small animal
 production facilities.
- Evidence is mounting that the aquatic biological communities (fish, aquatic insects, mussels, snails, etc.) in many streams are suffering from degraded aquatic habitat. Physical alterations of the channel, alterations in stream flow patterns, degraded conditions in the land areas directly adjacent to streams, and upland land use changes are all believed to be significant contributors to this problem.
- Continuing suburban development impacts streams by direct loss of stream channels by shortening or
 replacing natural stream banks and streambeds with culverts or concrete. Land development often results in
 removal of trees and other permanent vegetation along watercourses, and that can cause excessive stream bank
 erosion and a loss in the natural pollutant filtering that these areas provide.

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MAPS OF IMPAIRED WATERS

The maps that follow show streams and lakes impaired by point sources and discrete (localized) nonpoint sources. These maps do not show nonpoint source problems such as stream channelization, aquatic habitat degradation due to agricultural or urban storm water runoff, or wide-scale land use changes such as conversion of rural to urban lands.

Impaired waters are shown in red. An accompanying table lists the name of the impaired stream or lake and the pollutant causing the water quality impairment.

Terms and abbreviations used in these tables are as follows:

Acid Mine Drainage- water containing sulfuric acid, commonly occurring in abandoned coal mined areas.

Ammonia (NH3N)- a form of nitrogen that can be toxic to fish and other aquatic animals.

Atrazine- common agricultural herbicide used on corn and grain sorghum.

BOD (Organic Enrichment)- Biochemical Oxygen Demand, an indicator of the amount of organic matter in the water.

Chlordane- a pesticide with agricultural and urban uses. Banned for all uses in 1988.

Chlorine- common disinfectant used by many wastewater treatment plants and highly toxic to aquatic life.

Cyanazine- common agricultural herbicide. Banned for all uses after 2002.

Fecal Coliform- a type of bacteria that indicates the presence of fecal material from humans or other mammals. Fish trauma-injury or death caused by high flow velocities or rapid changes in water level. Usually associated with the operation of dams.

Habitat Loss-physical alteration of a stream or lake that makes it less suitable as a home for aquatic life.

Inundation- backup of standing water from reservoirs into streams that normally have moving water.

Lead- a heavy metal that is toxic to aquatic life. It can contaminate sediments near lead mining and certain industrial discharges. Eating lead-contaminated fish may cause human health problems.

Low Dissolved Oxygen- inadequate levels of oxygen in the water can cause disease or death in fish and most other aquatic animals.

Manganese and Iron- elevated levels in water can cause taste, odor or laundry staining problems in drinking water supplies.

NFR- Nonfilterable Residue, an indicator of the amount of suspended material in the water.

Nickel- a heavy metal that is toxic to aquatic life. A rare water contaminant in Missouri associated with one abandoned copper-nickel-cobalt mine near Fredericktown, Mo.

Nitrogen Supersaturation- excessive amounts of nitrogen gas in the water are typically associated with discharges from large dams. It can cause gas-bubble disease in fish.

Nutrients- Nitrogen and Phosphorus, the two elements most likely to stimulate excessive algae growth in streams and lakes

pH- the acidity or alkalinity of the water. Most pH problems in Missouri waters are due to acidity (low pH).

Sediment- particulate matter deposited on the bottom of a stream or lake. Large sediment deposits can be harmful to aquatic life.

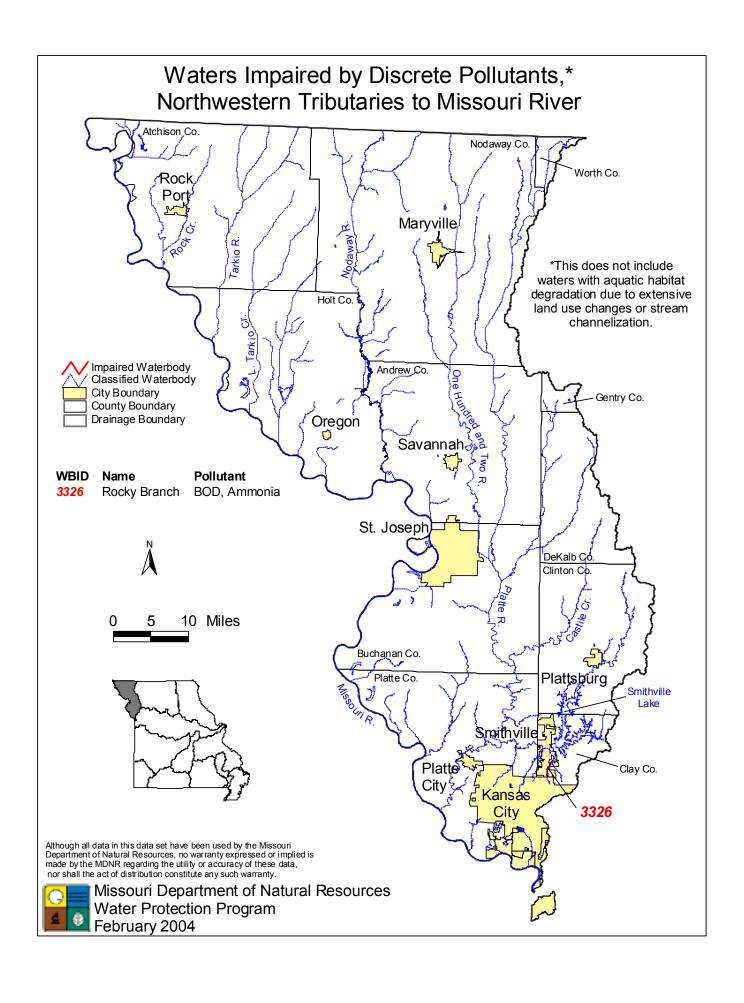
Sulfate-a common dissolved substance in water. Excessive amounts can occur from coal mining areas or some industrial discharges and can be toxic to aquatic life.

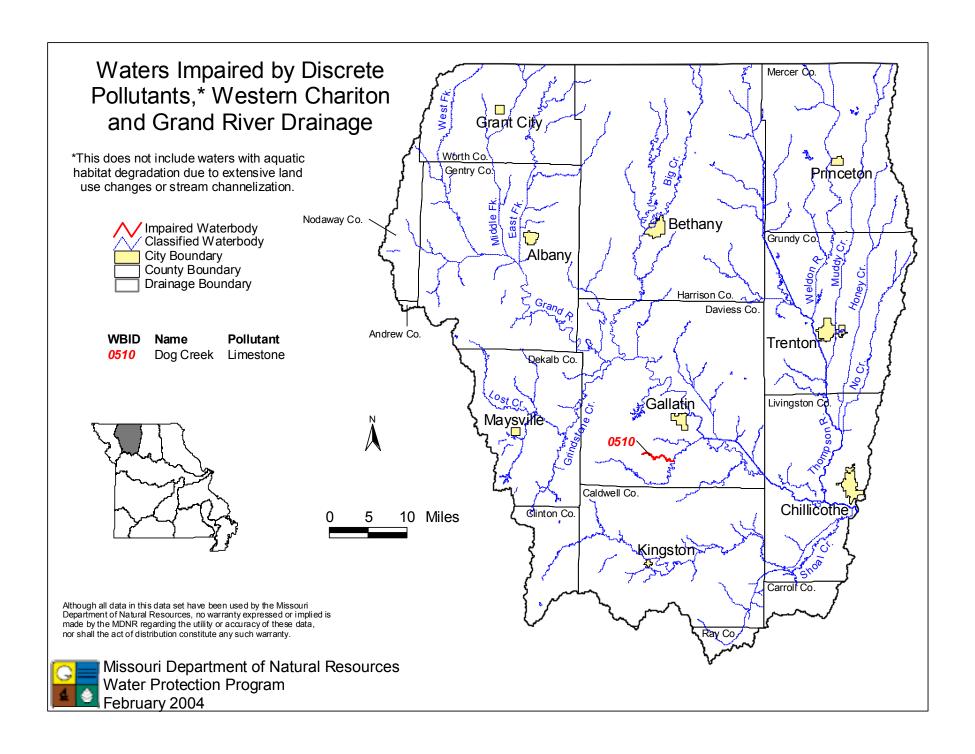
Suspended Algae- causes green discoloration of water.

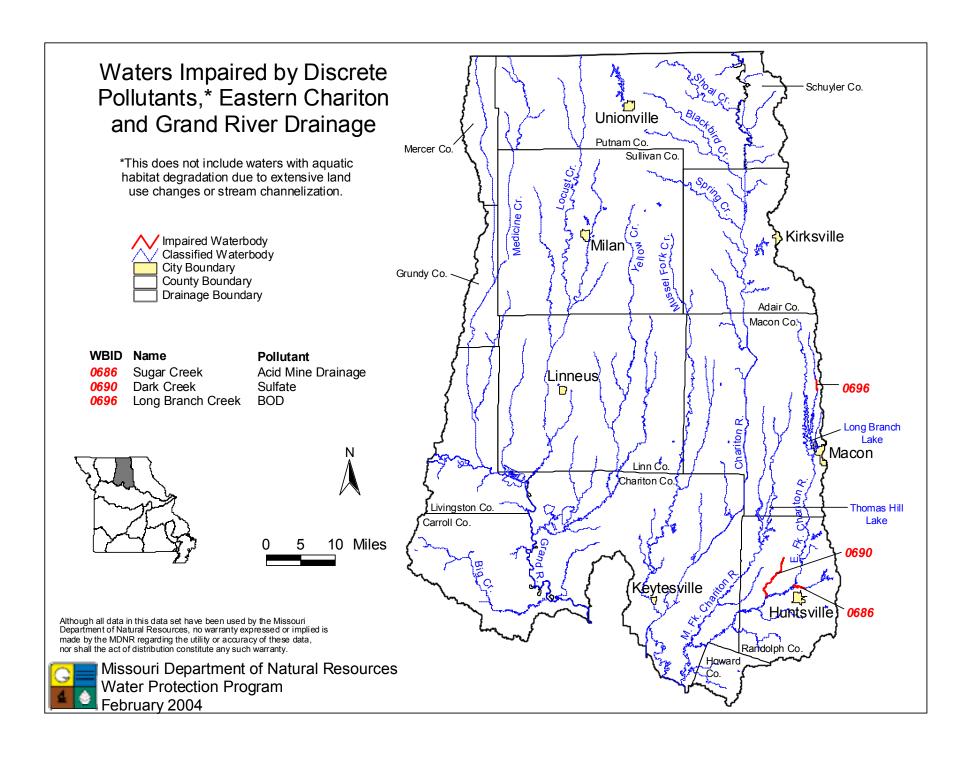
Toxic Sediment- contaminants in the sediment can be harmful to fish and other aquatic life.

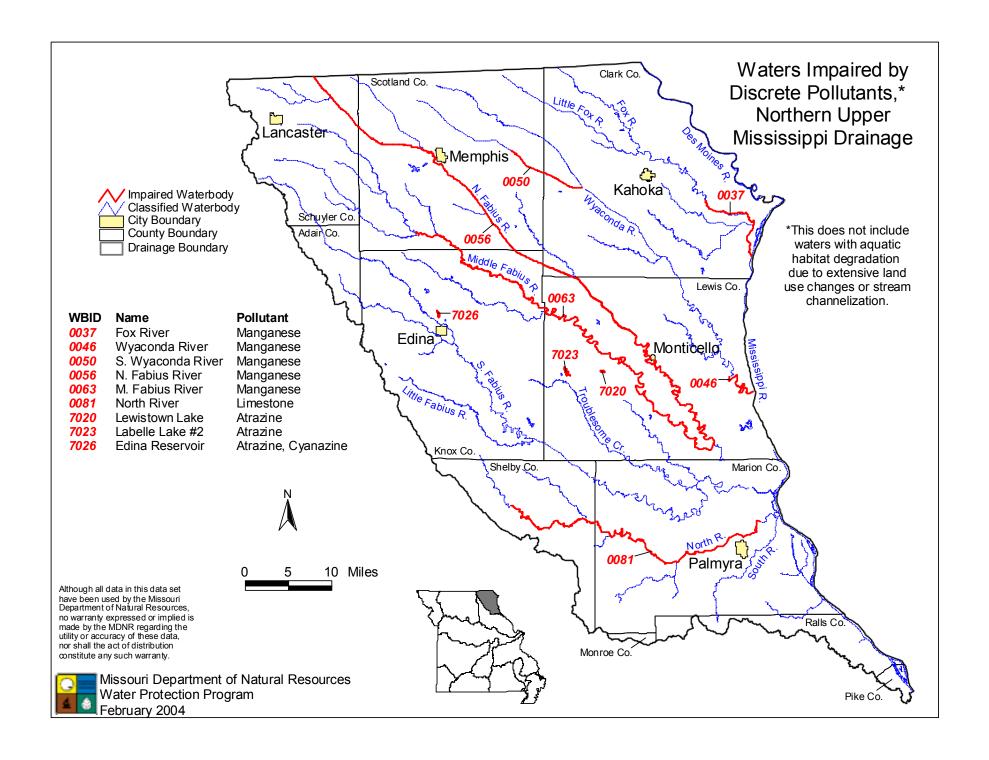
Turbidity- cloudiness or lack of clarity in the water.

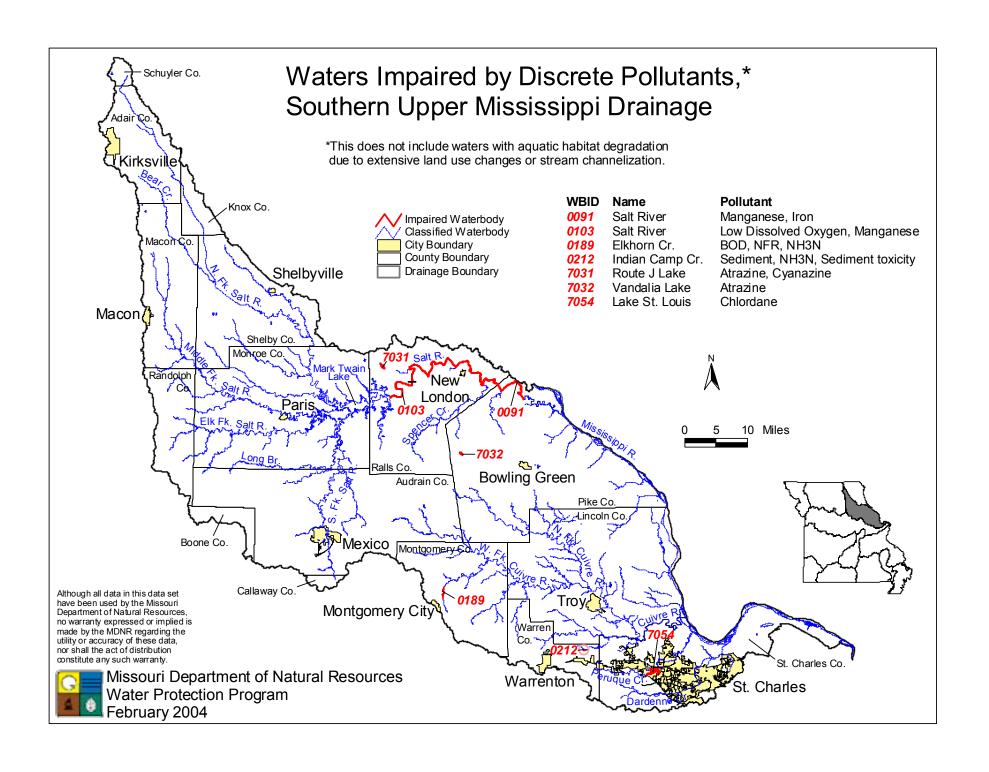
Zinc- a heavy metal that is toxic to aquatic life. It can contaminate water and sediments near zinc mining and certain industrial discharges.

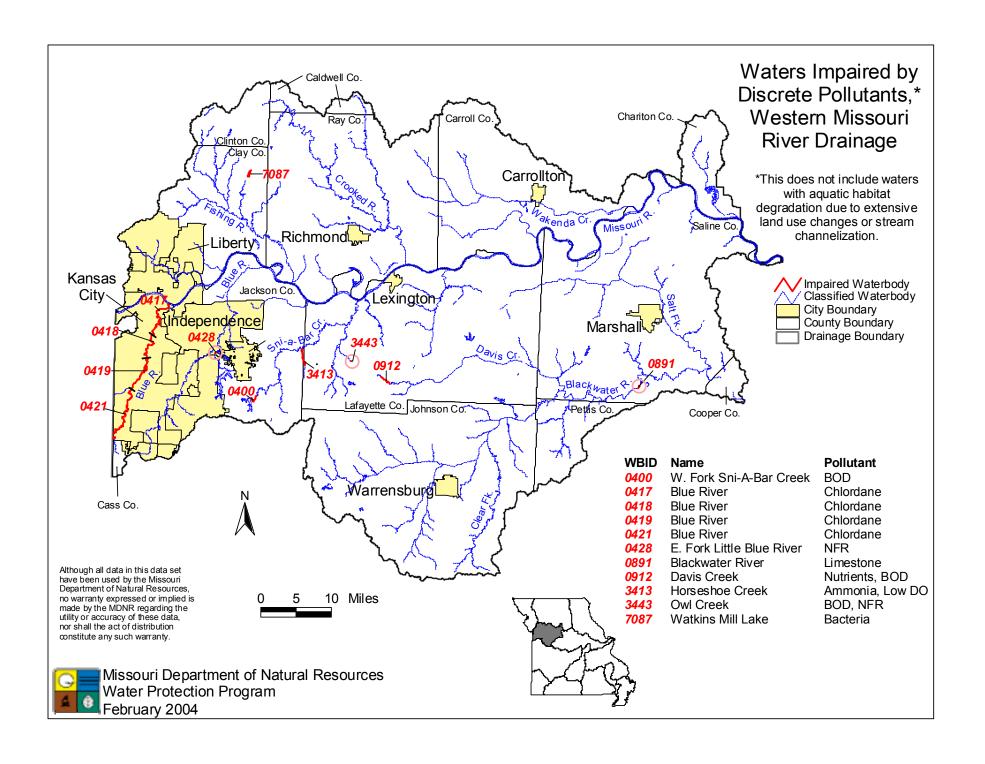


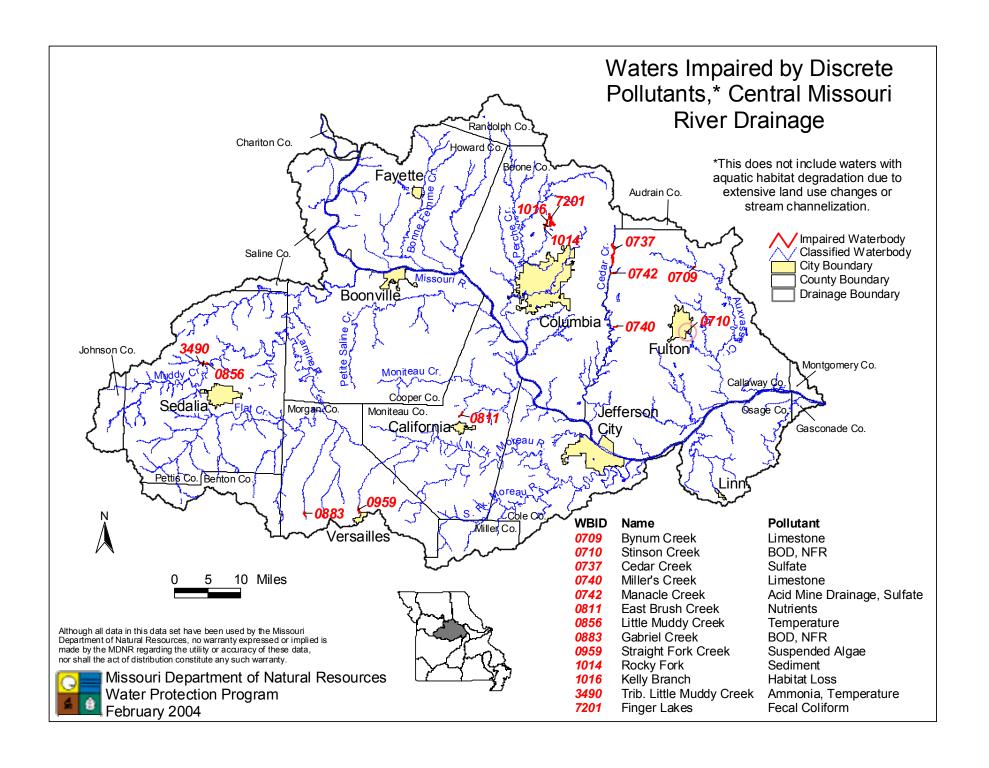




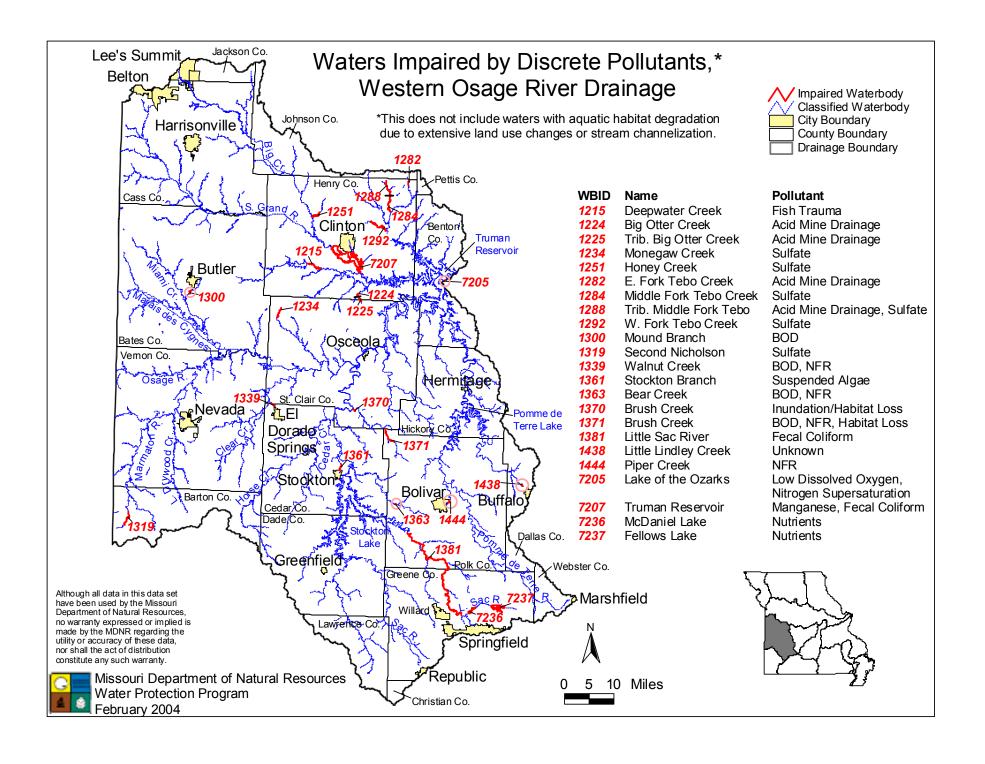


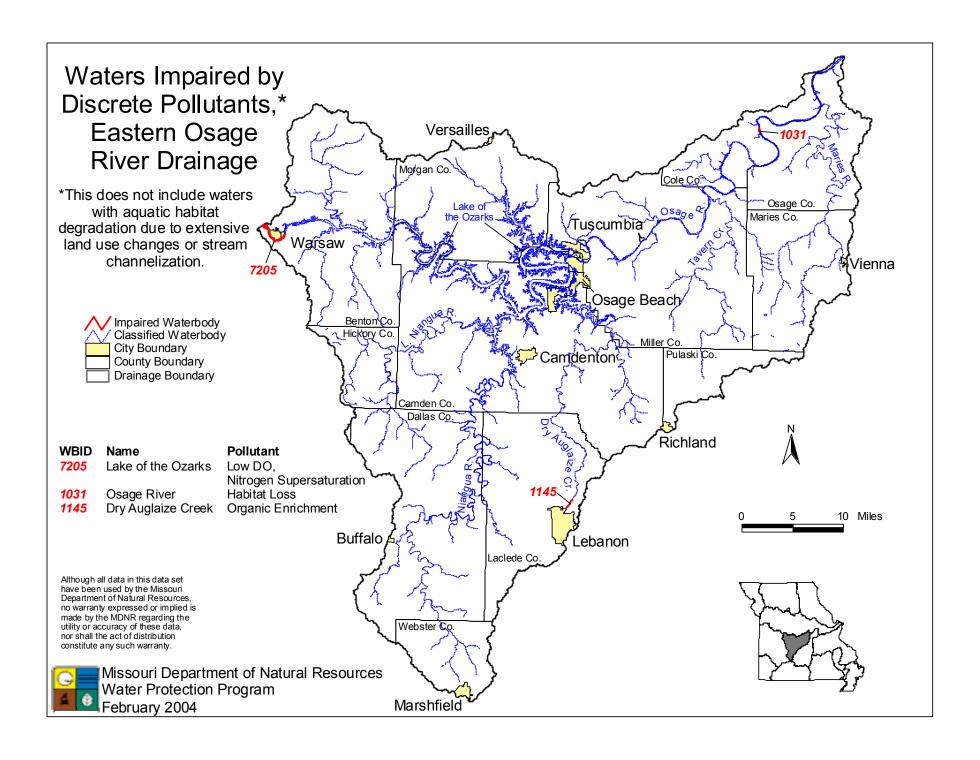


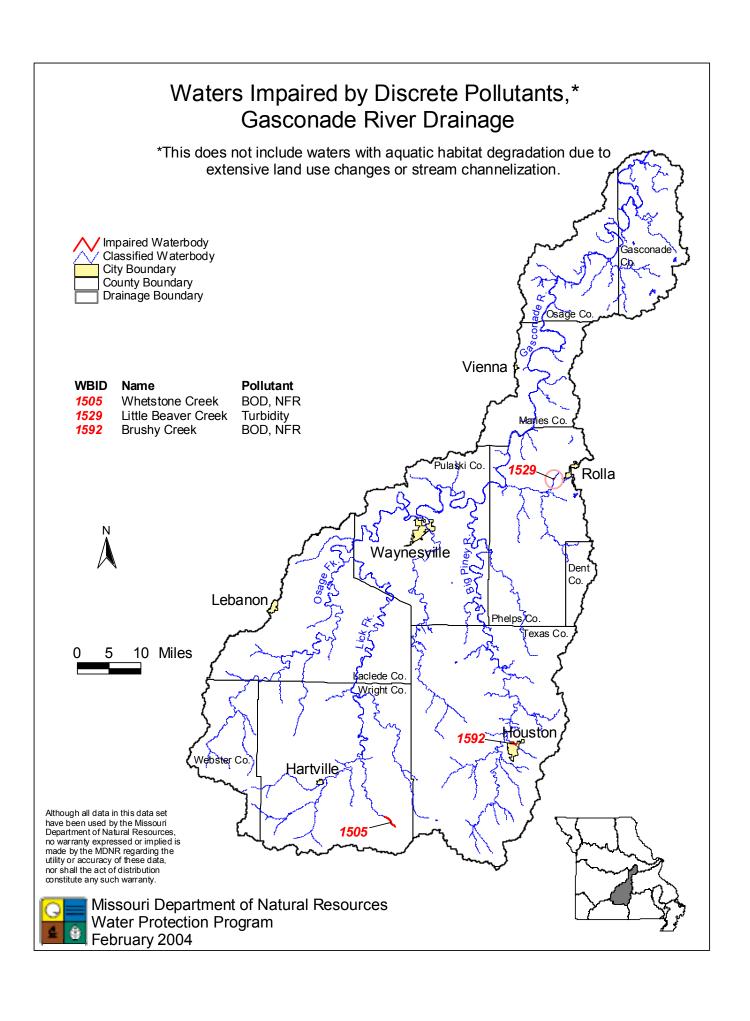


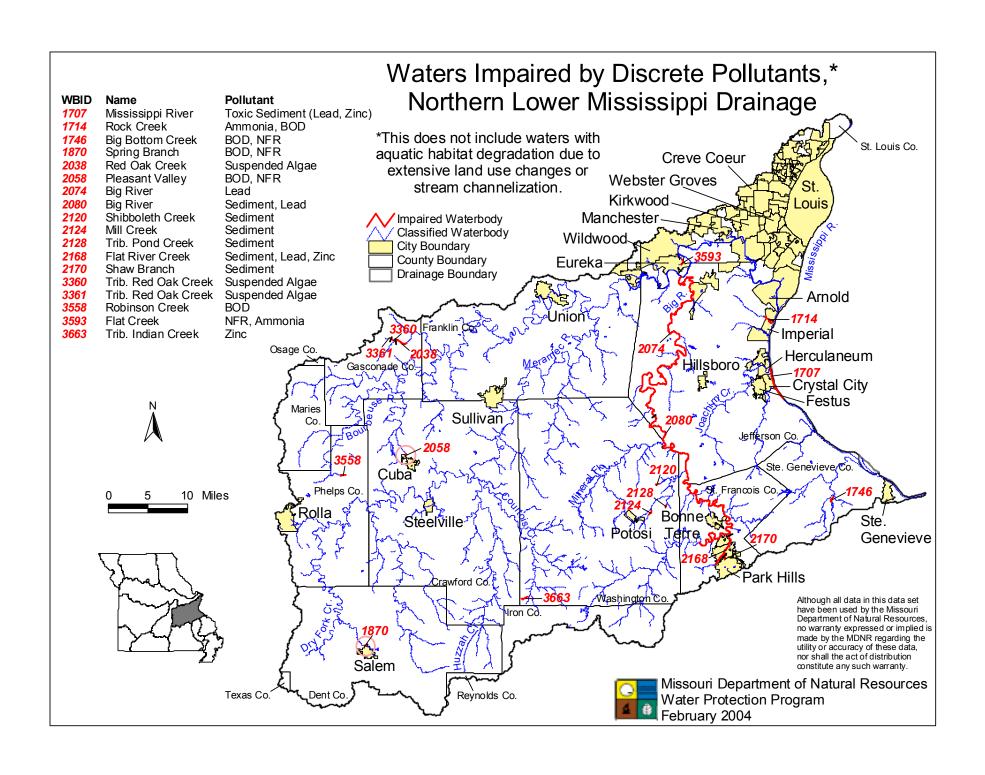


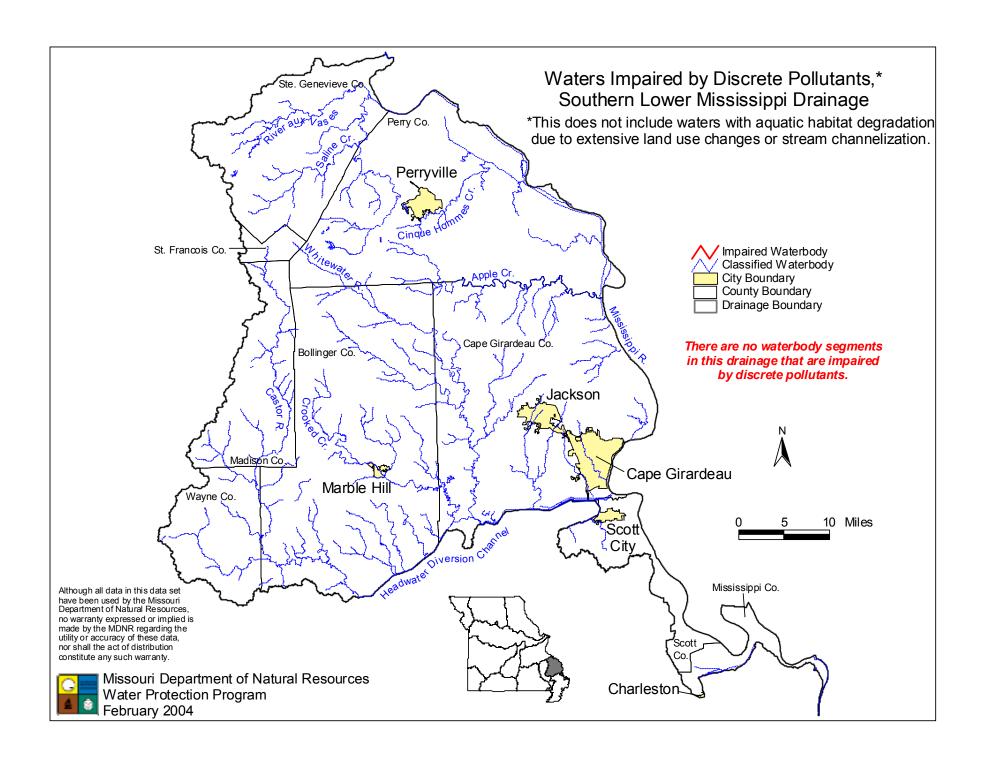
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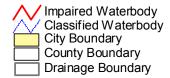




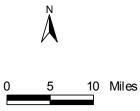


Waters Impaired by Discrete Pollutants,* Spring and Elk River Drainage

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WBID	Name	Pollutant
3168	Douger Branch	Zinc
3203	Center Creek	Toxic Sediment-Zinc
3216	Turkey Creek	BOD, NFR, Zinc
3217	Turkey Creek	Zinc
3230	Shoal Creek	Fecal Coliform
3239	Clear Creek	Low Dissolved Oxygen
7356	Lamar City Lake	Nutrients



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